



North West Newsletter

August 2016

Glorious summer at last?

We finally got some good weather this month – hope you made the most of it! MAG has been out there this month as usual, trying our best to get the message across as best we can. Remember, MAG activists are volunteers, bikers like you who give up their spare time because they believe in the cause of riders' rights. But without the help of the whole MAG membership, through their subscriptions and attendance at MAG events, this wouldn't be possible. Thanks for your continued support, it is appreciated.

This Month – Bulldog Bash – 11-14th August



The famous Bulldog Bash is one of the best attended motorcycle rallies in the country, so when MAG was offered a free pitch we leapt at the chance – any opportunity to get the message out there. It was a real bonus that it was also a great rally and a blazing hot weekend. It was great to meet up with so many MAG members and also to reconnect with a few lapsed members and convince them to rejoin. We also managed to talk to some young bikers, not long on the scene, the future of biking. All in all, it was a good weekend in more ways than one.



Next Month - MAG Storms the Castle for 26th time 1st- 4th Sept



MAG) is holding the 26th Stormin' the Castle, one of Europe's premier music and motorcycling events, from Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th September, in the grounds of Witton Castle, Witton le Wear, County Durham DL14 0DE. One of the senior organisers, Veece, says we've lined up a fabulous array of talent on stage, meaning that Stormin' is once again packed with music and entertainment. We've also got a huge custom bike show on the Saturday, which is one of the big draws of the day. With an adult weekend ticket priced at just £40 on the gate, Stormin' the Castle represents just about the best value for money in

the rally calendar. Hobgoblin are taking care of the bars and MAG member vouchers will be available as ever for liquid refreshments. There is also a vast choice of food outlets available throughout the entire weekend.

Main Stage

Friday: Toxic; Stone Dead Forever; Pistorelos; Skinny Molly.

Saturday: Ma Kelly's Boys; Tubesnake; Sticky Fingers; Bernie Torme.

Iris Stage

Friday: Alex Fawcett Band, Jerry Jablonski & The Electric Band

Saturday: The Loft Boys; Bessie & The Zinc Buckets; Fickly Lilly; Hair of the Derg

Custom Bike Show - Saturday afternoon

Ticket prices

Adult Weekend Ticket: £40 On The Gate

Thursday Night Tickets: Additional £5

Bikes/Trikes only: No Cars (limited car permits SOLD OUT)

Kids: £10 (5-15 years), under 5s free

Next Month - Salford MAG Fundraiser – Friday 9th September

Don't forget to get yourself down to Salford MAG's rock night on Friday 9th September. It will happen at Wangies bar, Eccles and the band will be the ever-popular Deathwish. All profits will, as usual, go straight into the fighting fund – what a great way to spend a Friday night!



BMF & MAG joint statement on Cycle Lane Light Segregation Devices

To remove any doubt regarding how seriously concerned the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG) and the British Motorcyclists Federation (BMF) are regarding the use of "light segregation" devices on our roads, the organisations have issued this joint statement:

The use of light segregation devices, including "Armadillos", "Orcas" and "Mini Orcas", on our roads raises serious safety concerns in respect to riders of Powered Two Wheelers (PTWs). Inadvertent contact with the devices can quickly destabilise any two-wheeled vehicle with the potential to throw the rider into the path of other road users. Evidence has emerged from CCTV monitoring of a Mini-Orca scheme in the City of London that clearly shows the devices to be trip hazards; 55 pedestrians having tripped on them within the first 24 hours of installation. This scheme has now been removed. These devices are easily damaged and broken by heavy vehicles, leaving fixing bolts exposed and protruding from the road surface, thus creating a further hazard to riders and pedestrians alike.

Visibility is easily compromised by scuff marks from contact with tyres, poor light and weather conditions, a build-up of general road grime and the presence of other road users. Neither the BMF nor MAG wishes these devices to be fitted to our roads due to safety concerns for all Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs), not just motorcyclists.

Both organisations call for an urgent review of all current and pending light segregation schemes in light of the evidence demonstrating their hazardous nature. The BMF and MAG are the country's longest-running riders rights organisations. Over many years, both organisations have worked to fight on behalf of riders rights both here in the UK and abroad through FEMA.

Recognising that both MAG and the BMF want what is best for our motorcycling community, Jim Freeman, BMF Chair, and Selina Lavender, MAG Chair, met recently. They will be in regular contact regarding shared concerns in respect to motorcycling matters.

Highways England Motorcycle Working Group Survey

NW rep Tony Cox writes:

Please could I please ask you all to complete the survey below when you have five minutes and to also pass on it to other motorcyclists and clubs in the area. It is in our best interests to engage with Highways England as ultimately they want to increase the number of motorcycles on the SRN (Strategic Road Network) and are asking our advice on how they can do this. The deadline for completion is 9th September 2016

The link is:

<http://tinyurl.com/hpzrf2b>

North West Motorcycle Alliance

This is not a MAG organisation but a monthly meet for all bike clubs, organisations and interested bikers anywhere from Cheshire up to Lancaster. The next meeting is hosted by **Mid-Life Crisis MCC** at the **Ship Hotel, Liverpool Rd, Irlam at 8pm on Wednesday 21st September**. Here is the latest, up to date list of biker events this autumn which the Alliance has put together, which includes a few changes from the previous month.

Regular monthly events

HAMC Liverpool Open night 3rd Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

HAMC Manchester Open night last Saturday of month, open 7.30 'til late

Black Diamonds open night every Friday at the clubhouse in Hindley

Salford MAG meeting – meet at Bird in Hand, Eccles, last Thursday of month (not July).

Red Rose MAG meet every 1st&3rd Wednesday, Petre Arms, Langho nr Blackburn

Anvil MCC meet every Wed 8pm - contact Ray 07747748946

Avernus MCC – open clubhouse – on hold till September

Mid-Life Crisis Meet'n'greet, BBQ – 3rd Wed of month, last one in September.

Cogheads MCC meet every Thursday Black Bull Huncoat BB5 6LN Contact David 07480927399

MT Heads Meet – Flying Horse Rochdale 8pm every Monday, donations to "Hounds for Heroes"

Gypsy Divas meet – 1st&3rd Wednesday, Woolpack, Haslingden from 8.00pm.

Rigby's Guardians meet every Sunday 6.30-9.00 at the Gardener's Arms, Hollin Lane, Middleton M24 5LE (near Junc. 19 M62)

Road Reapers MCC meet 1st Sunday & 2nd Wednesday at 7.30 at the Doff Cocker pub, 780 Chorley Old Rd, Bolton

Brotherhood Quest Bike Nite – Every Monday 7-9pm Anchor, Liverpool Rd, Hutton PR4 5SL

Known upcoming events –

3rd September – Preston Posse Custom Show – Vernon Cricket Club, Penwortham

9th September Salford MAG Rock Night Fundraiser (with Deathwish) – Wangies, Eccles, M30 0QN

11th September – Millennium Custom Show – Barons Rest, Astley Village, Chorley
 9-11th September – Well Oiled MCC Rally, Colne Rugby Club – **NB DATE CHANGE**
 16th-18th September Jesters MCC Rally – Whittingham Social Club, Goosenargh
 16th-18th September Spat Out of Hull - the old Farmyard site
 17th September Brotherhood Quest Social Night – Anchor, Liverpool Rd, Hutton
 25th September DDMC Ramsbottom Show
 1st October Last Bastion Open night - live music, booze and food at the clubhouse Liverpool
 1st October NW Alliance Ride to the Wall - Meet Lymm Services at 9.30am
 7th-9th Oct Rising Moon MCC Rally, Lowerhouse Cricket Club, Padiham
 8th Oct Mid-Life Crisis Birthday Bash – Ship, Irlam – ticket only
 22nd Oct DDMC Open Night at the clubhouse, Bolton
 29th Oct Millennium Rock Night –Canberra Club, Salmesbury £5 otd
 5th Nov Blackpool MAG Hellfire Bonfire Party – fancy dress, Blackpool Rugby Club
 11th Nov Leyland Eagles Rock Nite – Leyland& Farrington Social Club
 19th Nov – Avernus Anti-Christmas Party – Red Herring, Coppull – “Bad Taste” fancy dress
 26th Nov – Cogheads MCC Frightmare before Xmas – Fancy dress, Poplar Social Club, Wellington St Accrington
 18-20th August 2017 – HAMC Bike Show, Rixton with camping and bands.
 As ever, if you would like to have your say on anything vaguely MAG-related, or sell something bike related, just drop me a line at billgreen@masafish.com and I'll put it into the newsletter next month.
 Bill
 NW Political Rep

Without MAG on your side, do you feel lucky?



MORECAMBE CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

Sunday, 4th September
 The Morecambe Vintage Weekend
 Bikes will be displayed from 10:30am to 3:30pm in the car park
Festival Market Morecambe
 behind the pub in front of the cafe.
 The Morecambe to Bradford Classic Car run will arrive at about mid day
 For more information ring Ted 861841
 Morecambe Bay Classic Bike Club

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DETAILS OR BOOK ONLINE:
WWW.JESTERSMCC.ORG.UK
 MOB: 07971530190

CHEQUES TO:
 JESTERS MCC, 109 COLLEGE COURT PRESTON PR1 7RU

LIMIT OF 350 TICKETS THIS YEAR
 NO CARS OR VANS PARKING AVAILABLE FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

OFFICIAL MILLENNIUM EVENT
MILLENNIUM 2000BC SPONSORED BY
CHORLEY YAMAHA
CUSTOM & CLASSIC BIKE SHOW

11th September – Millennium Custom Show – Barons Rest, Astley Village, Chorley

Blackpool MAG's Halloween & Bonfire Party

Saturday 5th November 2016

£5 ON THE DOOR

ALL PROCEEDS GO
 MAG'S FLOODING FUND

8PM TILL LATE

Blackpool Rugby Club,
Pittway Road, FY6 1RN

PERFORMING:

**Live Music from Bobbie
 Mc Pann, Billy Green,
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